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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6831**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1379

**NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 9, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:** Apr 3, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Fees for Copying, Certification, and Facsimile Transmission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Hoy

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Sen. C. Lawson

**BILL STATUS:** As Passed Senate

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) *Bulk Form Copies*- The bill increases the fee (from five to six cents) that the county recorder can charge a bulk user for bulk form copies. The bill specifies that money in the records perpetuation fund may not be transferred or deposited in the county general fund and does not revert to the county general fund at the end of a fiscal year. The bill specifies that bulk form copies obtained by a bulk form user may not be resold: (1) in bulk form or as individual copies; and (2) in a single transaction or on a continuing or subscription basis.

*Copying, Fax, and Certification Fees*- The bill allows a local government agency to: (1) charge a fee of not more than \$5 for certifying a document; and (2) charge a fee for copying or facsimile transmission of a document that does not exceed the greater of \$0.10 per page or the actual cost to the agency.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** (Revised) *Bulk Form Copies*- Raising bulk copy fees from 5 cents to 6 cents specified under the bill would have an indeterminable impact on local revenues. The revenue generated would depend on the demand for copies in lieu of the proposed fee increases. County recorders would be able to retain monies placed into their records perpetuation funds.

(Revised) *Copying, Fax, and Certification Fees*- The impact to local revenues would depend on the fees set by local units of government under the fee limits proposed by the bill. Under current law, fees may not exceed the actual cost of certifying, copying, or facsimile transmission of documents by the local unit of government.

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local government agencies.

**Information Sources:**

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